

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of **DeWitt et al**

Application No. 09/904,471

Attorney Docket No. 0412-P02404US0

Filed: July 13, 2001

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING OUTGOING BULK MAIL**

Examiner: Cosimano, Edward R.

Group Art Unit: 3653

CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On June 13, 2006 Applicants' undersigned attorney filed a response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006. On the Office Action two boxes were checked off: one indicating that the Office Action was final, one indicating that it was non-final. Accordingly, in the Response filed June 13, 2006, Applicants' undersigned attorney was unsure whether or not a Request for Continuing Prosecution was required. Therefore, the Response filed on June 13, 2006 identified the problem and stated that if the Office Action dated January 13, 2006 was a final office action, then Applicants were requesting continuing examination, and the commissioner was authorized to charge the fee to the deposit account of Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Although PAIR indicates an Advisory Action was prepared, it also indicates that as of July 13, 2006 it was not mailed out. In the morning of July 13, 2006,

Applicants' attorney called the Examiner to explain the situation and determine whether anything needed to be done. Applicants' attorney also followed up later in the day but was unable to reach either the examiner or his Supervisor.

In the event that the Commissioner determines that the Office Action dated January 13, 2006 is a Final Action and the request for continuing application included in the Response filed June 13, 2006 was not sufficient to keep the present application pending, Applicants' request an extension of time for this application to cover the difference between the two month extension already paid in the Response filed June 13, 2006 and the amount necessary for a third month extension so that Applicants can file a continuation application, which is being submitted along with this Conditional Request. If the request for a third month extension is required, Applicants' undersigned attorney requests that the fee be charged to deposit account no. 04-1406.

Respectfully submitted,

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